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## **APRIL 2024 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER**

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### **SHORE CASTS**

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO PATRONIZE ALL OF OUR SPONSORS.**

**Our Club radio channel is 19. We ask our members to please monitor it at all times.**

If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, or you do not receive or miss an issue of the newsletter, please contact Membership Chairwoman, Sandi Roy. Sandi's cell phone is 609-618-6211 or an email can be sent to [robandsandi@yahoo.com](mailto:robandsandi@yahoo.com). Please do not leave a message on her home phone.

Please call Good & Welfare Chairwoman Marilyn Dahl if you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. Marilyn can be reached on her cell phone at 201-232-6896 or home phone at 609-693-4674. You may also email her at [marilynjd@comcast.net](mailto:marilynjd@comcast.net).

Yearly membership cards for those current in dues are available at the meeting. If you have paid your dues and have not received a current dues card, please see Mickey Sherry Treasurer, at the meeting. If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject, please contact our Guest Speaker Chairman Ken Kawalek at 609-575-1230

“SEA TOW offers 13 months for the price of 12 and an additional \$20.00 off for a yearly membership for Fish Hawk members!”

Boat US membership discount code is **GA83831B**. Ask for new member applications.

## *Presidents Message*

**Hello everyone!**

The water has started to warm up and the first of the migratory stripers are running through our area, and as long as the sun stays out, the back bay will warm up and the flounder pounders will get some action too. I'm so proud of Rich Leahy and his committee for doing a bang-up job at this year's flea market. great job guys. I'm looking forward to listening to Sgt. Dale Pearce from the Marine Services Office Atlantic City as our guest speaker at this meeting. I'm hoping Sgt. Pearce will go over the boating regulations we must have, and maybe add some anecdotes of being a marine officer. Don't forget that now is the time to fill out and bring your completed fishing contest forms, (included in this newsletter & elsewhere), to the April meeting, April is the deadline for entry fees to the fishing contest, and tournament days! Upcoming birthdays this month are Kevin O'Rourke 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rich Leahy 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bruce Schwartz 5<sup>th</sup>, Joe Firsha 6<sup>th</sup>, Dave Bye 13<sup>th</sup>, Walt Bohn 15<sup>th</sup>, George Royston 16<sup>th</sup>, Cy Guadagnino 19<sup>th</sup>, Bob Merkle 19<sup>th</sup>, Clifford DiLea 24<sup>th</sup>, Kenneth Dominguez 25<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Ward 25<sup>th</sup>, Raymond Sebecke 26<sup>th</sup>, Ronald Knecht 27<sup>th</sup>, and Capt. Pat Lauer, Happy Birthday Everyone! I have been in contact with another local fishing club called Village Harbour Fishing Club who I believe is out of L.B.I. We talked about them joining us in our Joe Matuska Bi-club tournament to make it a Tri-club tournament again. I'll keep you posted. See you on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the meeting, and as always, remember "*You Have to Hook Em to Cook Em!*"

*Karl*

### **TRADERS CORNER**

Notice: All ads run for three (3) months and will be deleted for 4th month's issue unless you renew them. To place a new ad or renewal of a current ad(s) No later than the 2nd Thursday of the month to advertise. Send an Email [UBFishing@comcast.net](mailto:UBFishing@comcast.net) or call all Bob Merkle 609-921-7394.

**FOR SALE: 1995 Grady White 268 Islander W/A, SeaV2 hull. 26'11.6" w/ 8x6' beam.** Great offshore fishing boat w/ yacht clasification. Aluminum dual axle Boat Master float on trailer, great tires, new spare & new rim. Boat needs loving fixits. Working electronics, marine radio & compass. Clear NJ titles on boat & trailer. 2 140 (4) stroke Suzuki's w/about 160 original hours on each. Port engine is fine, Starboard engine has blown power head. Cost for a complete ready to run complete bolt-in power head replacement \$4,000. from Florida. I don't have the time nor the physical energy to restore her, that's why I have priced it low. \$10,000.00 I have all the details for all the fixits. If you want more detailed boat info. Call Bob 609.902.7394

### **"THE HAWK"**

**APRIL 2024**

**THE BIRD:** Spring has finally arrived & with that we kick-off our clubs MONTHLY CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS. Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> is our monthly meeting & that's the FINAL day that your entry form & fee are due. Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> is the start of our MONTHLY CONTESTS. Our first tournament day is Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

NEW MEMBERS who join in 2024 can enter at any time.

Val & Kenn Seefelt committee chairs will be collecting your entry forms & checks at the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Val, Kenn or Tony G. Up-dated forms & rules are available on our website, an in this month's newsletter, also available at Thursdays meeting.

### **FLEA MARKET**

Our March Flea Market was a HUGE SUCCESS! Considering the terrible weather "Heavy rain" We had a great number of paid attendees (400+) & with Vendors & club member Volunteers we had well over 500! All the vendors we spoke to said they did extremely well. Our hats are off to

RICH LEAHY OUR CHAIRMAN who did a truly INCREDIBLE job. Rich expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers that helped put out signs, moved tables & chairs, sold vendor 50/50 tickets, sold tickets for the custom Rod & Reel, probably the worst job was (PAUL SCHELL & GENE MAKITRA) collecting the entry fees at the front door with a very cold wind for 4+ hours. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL !!!!

### FISH BITES

Our first club fishing trip is scheduled for Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> for Sea Bass/bottom fish.

Any questions or sign-up's contact Whitey @ (609)276-1899

Our club ROSTER for 2024 will be mailed out in the month of April. A whole lot of thanks to SANDI ROY who puts a lot of time & effort in putting the roster together. Sandi, we appreciate all that you do!!! **NOTE:** The ROSTER is for your personal use to contact club members.

**IT IS NOT TO BE COPIED OR DISTRIBUTED!!**

### 2024 REGULATIONS

**BLACKFISH:** OPENS April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, (4 Fish; 15") CLOSED from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**STRIPED BASS:** Is OPEN; I fish at 28" to 31" You can sign -up for the Striper BONUS program which allows 1 fish @ 24" but less than 28". If interested go on-line to N.J. FISH & WILDLIFE.

**SEA BASS:** 10 fish (5/17 to 6/19): 1 fish (7/1-8/31): 10 fish (10/1-10/3): 15 fish (11/1-12/31)

All Sea Bass waves have a size limit of 12 1/2"

**FLUKE:** Opens May 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 25<sup>th</sup> 3 fish: 18" & up *WE HAD A WIN!* Thanks to all the recreational fisherman who sent in their surveys & those that attended the meetings.

**PORGY'S "MAJOR CHANGES)** OPEN I/I to 6/30, CLOSED 7/1 to 8/31, re-opens 9/1 to 12/31. (30 fish at 10").

**Note:** Monthly Contest form has been updated to reflect these changes.

**"I CHECKED THE KELLY BLUE BOOK TODAY TO FIND OUT MY CARS VALUE, THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF MY GAS TANK WAS FULL OR EMPTY**

**"BE SAFE OUT THERE"**

**"THE HAWK"**

### **\*\*\*\*\*LACEY FOOD BANK\*\*\*\*\***

#### **APRIL 2024**

**Looking For Food & Monetary Donations:** The Lacey Food Bank is providing food items to over 220 families that are in need of any and all food items that you can spare from your pantries. We often forget those less fortunate who are in need of grocery items during the months of April and May. As I said in last month's newsletter, striving for 100% participation from our membership is always our goal each month. Your food and monetary donations are always appreciated more than you can imagine.

Let's make our April meeting donations the best one yet.

Again, as we start this new year, here is a list of items that are always in need at the Food Bank:

Peanut butter, Jelly	Macaroni, and cheese
Juice boxes, Apple juice	Pasta and Spaghetti sauce
Cereals	Chicken noodle soup
Spaghetti O's	Applesauce
Snacks like pretzels, peanut butter crackers, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, etc	

Should you forget to bring some food items to our March meeting, there is a jar by the bin where you can place both checks made out to the Lacey Food Bank or money into. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Ken Rylak

# FISH HAWKS

## 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>January</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>NO GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/25</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 2/29</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>F.H. FLEA MARKET LACEY ELKS CLUB</b>
	<b>7th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 3/28</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 4/25</b>
	<b>20th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #1</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 5/30</b>
	<b>10th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #2</b>
	<b>19th</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET (Captains Inn)</b>
	<b>25th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #3</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 6/27</b>
	<b>7 &amp; 8th</b>	<b>Fri &amp; Sat.</b>	<b>LADIES 2 Day Fluke Tournament</b>
	<b>15th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #4</b>
	<b>24th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tournament Day # 5</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 7/25</b>
	<b>12th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #6</b>
	<b>20th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>FISH HAWKS YOUTH SEMINAR</b>
	<b>27/28th</b>	<b>Sat/Sun</b>	<b>Sat TD-7/Bi Club T. Sun Awards Picnic Tuna Club</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 8/29</b>
	<b>5th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tournament Day#8</b>
	<b>17th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MA 22 VETS FISHING TRIP (rain day Sun. 18th)</b>
	<b>30th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tournament Day # 9</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 9/26</b>
	<b>7th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #10</b>
	<b>14th</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>ANNUAL PICNIC (Gille Park) 1 PM TO ????</b>
	<b>20th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #11</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 10/31</b>
	<b>5th/14th</b>	<b>Sat &amp; Mon</b>	<b>Tournament Days #12 &amp; #13</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>General Mtg/Nom. Of Off. **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 11/21</b>
	<b>1st/18th</b>	<b>Fri/ Mon</b>	<b>Tournament Day #14 &amp; #15</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tournament Day #16</b>
	<b>5th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PIZZA &amp; BEER Night / Election of Officers</b>
<b>NOTE: BOD meets the Thursday PRIOR to General Meeting</b>			
<b>1/15/24</b>	<b>(Tony G)</b>		<b>NO BOD Mtg. in Dec, **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/30/25</b>

# Monthly Contest and Tournament Day Entry Form

PLEASE NOTE: MONTHLY CONTEST BEGINS THE FRIDAY AFTER APRIL'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	# Of Months	Totals Dollars
Blackfish *****	X				X	X	X	X	X		
Bluefish *****	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Fluke *****		X	X	X	X	X					
Sea Bass *****		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Striped Bass *****	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Weakfish *****	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Blowfish		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Cod	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Flounder	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kingfish		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Ling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Porgy	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Triggerfish			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Place a circle around the X in the box for the species and months that you wish to enter the monthly contest for a cost of \$2 per month.

Or you can **go all in** for all species denoted by an X for \$100.

Additionally the cost for up to 16 scheduled tournament days is \$30

Entries and all money must be received by first Thursday in April at monthly meeting

Make Checks payable to the Fish Hawks.

Monthly Contest Total at \$2 per Circled X Box

OR

Buy All X Boxes For \$100

\$ 30 Tournament Day Buy In

Give the completed form to Kenn or Val Seefelt at the monthly meeting or mail it to address below.

Mail: Kenn and Val Seefelt

510 Middle Branch Drive

Forked River 08731

Cell: 609-423-8982

Contest Chairman Signature

Total Amount

\*\*\*\*\* Only 6 Species eligible for Tournament Days and Largest Fish of The Year \*\*\*\*\*

Only fish caught in New Jersey waters are eligible for Tournament Days and Largest Fish of The Year

Entry into Tournament day also enters you into "Largest Fish of Year" contest.

New Members can participate at any time once after becoming a new member

Note: To view all contest rules please go to <http://www.fishhawksnj.com> and select contest form and rules

## ALL FISHING CONTEST RULES: AND CHANGES

### 1-Monthly Fishing Contest:

You must enter the contest by submitting this form and paying the entrance fee of **\$2.00 per fish per month or you can go all-in for all species for all months that are denoted by an X for a \$100 buy-in. The Monthly Contest Form must be submitted no later than our April Members Club meeting. The Monthly Contest begins on the Friday after the April Club Meeting.** Phone-ins are no longer accepted, (Hard Copy Only). Example: \$20.00 is received for a specific fish i.e., Bluefish, 3 blues were caught and entered (weighed in). The total money in this category is \$20.00. 1st place 50% or \$10.00, 2nd place 30% or \$6.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 20% or \$4.00. **NOTE: For the Monthly Fishing Contest and Tournament Days, Bluefish MUST WEIGH a minimum of 2 lbs.** **NOW:** If only one fish is weighed in, **ALL** the money collected (100%) goes to the 1st place fish. If there is only a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place fish entered, the split is 60-40. Winners for both the Monthly Fishing contest and Tournament Days can only win one place in each category.

**2-Each month** our Chairperson or Designee for the Fishing Contest will inform the club members of the winners for the monthly contest and tournament days.

**3-Bonus Money:** For the 9 contest months (April-December), an additional \$25.00 (cash bonus) will be awarded each month to just **ONE** of the 1<sup>st</sup> place monthly contest winners for that month. **All 13 species are eligible.** The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner that is drawn at the meeting will receive \$25.00 (cash). **NOTE: All fish species listed on the front side of this form that are entered in the monthly contest for that month are eligible for a chance to win the \$25 cash bonus.**

**4-Tournament Days have a \$30 ENTRY FEE:** This fee enters you into 1 - 16 Tournament days and makes you eligible for the **LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR** for the six species listed on front with an asterisk (\*\*\*\*\*). **The Contest Days Form for Tournament Days must be submitted no later than our April Members Club Meeting.** Cash payouts are as follows 1<sup>st</sup> (\$25), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$15), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$10) **NOTE: For Tournament Days and the Monthly Fishing Contest, Bluefish MUST WEIGH a minimum of 2 lbs.**

### 5 – Club Fishing Trips Tournament Days:

All club organized Fishing Trips held on a Head Boat for club Members will be considered a **FREE TOURNAMENT DAY.** Only members who participate in these club trips will be eligible for the **FREE TOURNAMENT DAY PAYOUTS.** There are 6 species eligible for tournament day payouts, as noted on the front side by an asterisk (\*\*\*\*\*). All fish will be weighed in while on board the boat and the tournament winners will be announced at that time. **Note: If you are also entered in the monthly contest and want your fish to qualify for the monthly contest, you must weigh in your fish at one of the club's official weigh stations.**

**6-THE LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR** for the following six species, **WEAKFISH, BLUEFISH, STRIPED BASS, FLUKE, SEA BASS and BLACKFISH,** winners will receive \$75 (cash) at our annual AWARDS BANQUET.

**Note: You must be entered in the Tournament Days contest to be eligible for the largest fish of the year.**

**Weigh-in Station Procedures** The official club weigh-in stations are *Creek Side Outfitters, Grizz's Forked River Bait & Tackle, Grumpy's, Lacey Marine & Fisherman's Den in Belmar.* It is the Angler's responsibility, when weighing in a fish, to verify that all of the information on the weigh-in sheet is accurate i.e., NAME, DATE, SPECIES and WEIGHT. The angler will initial the weigh-in sheet verifying that all of the information is correct. If you are weighing a fish in for another angler, the same rules apply. **ONCE INITIALED, THE WEIGH-IN IS FINAL! All fish caught from Ports & Beaches in New Jersey Waters must be weighed in at one of the above stations.** **CAUGHT FISH, ONLY IN NEW JERSEY WATERS, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MONTHLY CONTEST, TOURNAMENT DAYS AND LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR.**

### Club Record

A fish submitted for a club record may be taken from any location, there are no geographical limitations. For fish caught out of state you must submit a weigh-in slip including species name, length and weight on letterhead, or business card or invoice from that station signed by the weigh master, tournament chairman, or Captain of the vessel. A Club Record Form must be submitted to Ken Rylak and attached to the weigh-in slip from one of our official stations or other documentation as described above. The BOD shall approve all records before becoming official. Here are the guidelines for all "Catch & Release" Club Record submissions. Measurement formula for (ALL SPECIES) as follows: Length X Girth squared divided by 800. Example: Length 60" X 25" Girth squared = 37,500 Divided by 800 = 46.875 Lbs. Please Note: LENGTH is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail and GIRTH is measured (circumference) at the widest part of the fish, usually behind the gill plate.

**One final note:** Perhaps this rule has not been properly communicated in the past, but **you personally** have to catch the fish you enter in all of these contests/tournaments and not enter a fish caught by someone else on your boat. This is an **individual** contest and besides we are all friends and family, and we expect **GOOD SPORTSMENSHIP.** Thank you, Good Fishing and be Safe out there.



# FISH HAWKS SALTWATER ANGLER'S CLUB

## 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday May 19th, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Location: CAPTAIN'S INN, 304 East Lacey Rd. Forked River, N.J. 08731

### AGENDA

The Fish Hawks Annual Awards Banquet is a **casual** evening of socializing, dining, telling fish stories, and extended truths. The purpose of this event is to present Trophies, Gift Cards, and Monetary Awards to the winners of our various fishing events held during the year such as, Ladies Day Fluke Tournament, Bay Tournament, Largest Fish of the Year, Monthly Fishing Contest and Tournament Days. We will have a "Gift Auction", and 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available throughout the event.

**This is always a fun evening! We hope to see many members and guests in attendance.**

### EVENT

Doors Open: **6:00 pm**

Program Start: **6:30 pm**

**Use Rear Entrance for Check-In Purposes!!!!**

#### **Our Buffet Dinner Includes:**

- Carved Prime Rib
- Shrimp and Scallop Scampi
- Grilled Tequila Lime Chicken
- Mushroom Ravioli with Vodka Sauce
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Asian and Caesar salads
- Dessert: Mini-Pastries and Tartufo
- Coffee, Tea and Soda are included.

#### **Cash Bar**

*Cost is **\$50.00** per person for Members and Guests. Tax and Gratuity included!*

TABLES OF EIGHT (8) WILL BE SET UP. IF YOU HAVE **EIGHT** IN YOUR PARTY, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 6:00 PM TO RESERVE A TABLE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EIGHT (8) PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY TO FILL THE ENTIRE TABLE.

### Detach and Return This Section

Make checks payable to "Fish Hawks" and mail to: David Bye, 1413 Tamiami Rd. Forked River, N.J. 08731. **Deadline is May 11, 2024.** Dave will also take money or checks, along with the form at meetings.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_



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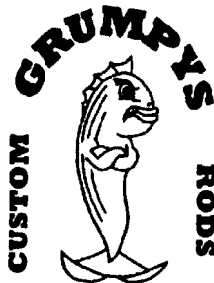
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